Smuggling of Cocoanut oil.

2. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state what action was taken by them regarding the smuggling of cocoanut oil, etc., through the Arukutty chowkey and on the report submitted by the Excise Commissioner thereon?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the answer to question No. 1.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there was any special reason for the Excise Commissioner to use his discretion in this particular case?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): There was no special reason.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Any special circumstances?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): There was no special circumstance except that, in the Excise Commissioner's opinion, the firm happened to be a very respectable one.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state what the action taken by the Government was after going through all the records of this case before it was disposed of?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I have already given my answer to this with reference to the supplementary questions put by Mr. Kumara Pillai.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have passed any orders on the papers?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will they be pleased to state the nature of the order?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The nature of the order has been mentioned in the answer.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): It is simply said that the Excise Commissioner's report has been received and perused by the Government and that it has been recorded, no further action being called for.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Government find that the action taken by the Excise Commissioner is in order.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Have they found out the several irregularities in this particular case?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): There have been one or two minor irregularities and they are being pointed out to him. So far as the main decision is concerned, there has been no irregularity and so no further action has been taken.

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[Mr. R. Krishna Pillai.]

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): But do they not think, after the supplementary questions put by Mr. Kumara Pillai, that there were many irregularities in the case?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): These supplementary questions have not brought out any more facts than what are already on record and what the Government know. All the facts are before the Government.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*). Mr. Kumara Pillai just said that, before the Commissioner received the communication of the Assistant Commissioner, the casks were released. Why should he release them before he got all the papers in connection with the case?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): As a judicial officer it was competent to him to do so.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Is that usually the case in the Excise Department?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I have already answered that with reference to the supplementary question of Mr. Kumara Pillai.

Pathways through the Attingal Cutcherry Compound.

3. MR. V. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that private persons occupying lands adjacent to the Attingal Cutcherry compound are using the same compound as pathway to their respective houses?

(*b*) Was a certain occupant forced by the Peishkar to execute, as the result of a memorial, a registered agreement to the effect that his gateway opening on the Attingal cutcherry compound would be closed whenever the Government required it?

(*c*) Will the Government consider the urgent necessity of closing all the pathways of private persons through the cutcherry compound in which several record rooms, *e. g.*, the Sub-Registrar's office, two Munsiffs' Courts, the Magistrate's Court and the Taluk office, are located?

(*d*) Are the Government aware that the Director of Registration has submitted a report explaining the urgency of closing all these private pathways or of walling up the Sub-Registrar's office?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):
(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A *poramboke* case was taken against one of the neighbours for trespassing on the cutcherry compound; and as the result thereof, the party has agreed to close his entrance when called upon to do so.

(*c*) The matter will be considered.

(*d*) Yes, in 1917.

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